

FINAL BILL REPORT

HB 1426

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Synopsis as Enacted

Brief Description: Regarding the use of certified mail.

Sponsors: Representatives Hunt and Condotta.

House Committee on Judiciary
Senate Committee on Judiciary

Background:

Certified mail is often used as a way to provide legally required notice. Many court documents may be served on interested parties using certified mail with return receipt requested.

The United States Postal Service (USPS) allows a mailer purchasing return receipt service to choose to receive the return receipt by mail or e-mail. Mailers that receive the return receipt in the mail receive a confirmation postcard with the recipient's actual signature or approved hand-stamp. Mailers that receive the return receipt via e-mail receive a proof of delivery letter arriving as a portable document format attachment that includes an image of the recipient's signature or approved hand-stamp.

Summary:

An electronic return receipt delivery confirmation provided by the USPS may be used whenever a statute allows or requires the use of certified mail with a return receipt requested.

Votes on Final Passage:

House	96	1
Senate	46	0

Effective: July 26, 2009

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